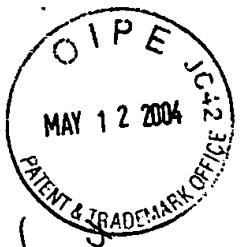


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 12, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the **Claims** as pending are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.